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7-year-old girl gives all for Rwandan babies

By Marty Croll

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (BP) — If a picture tells a thousand words, these thousand words were more than little Terri Clayton could bear.

The 7-year-old girl hopped out of her chair and ran away from the dinner table. Her mother, father, and two brothers sat there waiting.

Shortly, Terri returned with three \$1 bills — all of her money. "I don't want it anymore," she said. "Here, you take it."

She shoved it at her mother, who still held the latest copy of Missouri Baptists' state newspaper, *Word and Way*.

On the front page a large picture showed 18 babies lying on blankets on the floor of a makeshift orphanage in a Rwandan refugee camp near Goma, Zaire.

Beneath the photo was a Baptist Press story from the Foreign Mission Board about how Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers are feeding and offering medical care to children whose parents died as they settled into squalid camps.

The parents of the babies pictured most likely were buried by relief authorities in mass graves with other Rwandan corpses that fellow refugees had rolled into mats and left to decay.

"I'd been saying how sad it was that major league baseball players were striking because they wanted more money when they already had millions — while there were people in the world who didn't even have enough to live on," said Terri's mother, Janie Clayton, in an interview from her Springfield, Mo., home.

"I said, 'In fact, look at this picture.'"

For a while, Mrs. Clayton; her husband, Terry, an elementary school principal; their two sons, Michael, 12, and John, 9; and Terri discussed the photo.

"Then my daughter took off from the table running. She came back with all her money," Mrs. Clayton said.

**"I want all my money
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— Terri Clayton

Mrs. Clayton explained she couldn't take her daughter's money. "That's yours," she said. "You keep it."

Terri ran back to her room. This time she didn't come back. Mrs. Clayton heard her crying.

"I want all my money to go help those babies," she told her mother, sobbing. "I want you to mail it tonight."

Terri's \$3 is among many gifts received by the Foreign Mission Board for Rwandans. Terri wasn't the only one moved by the photo, which *Word and Way* editors bought from a syndicated wire service.

Sixty-nine percent of the money received by the board's human needs office for Rwanda relief since publication of the

Word and Way story has come from Missourians. As of Aug. 26, their donations totaled more than \$8,000 over a period of a little more than two weeks.

The Rwandan refugee crisis was triggered when Hutu people, fearful of rival Tutsis who took power in Rwanda, fled to neighboring countries. More than 1 million settled around Goma.

Southern Baptist doctors, nurses, and water technicians recruited by the denomination's Brotherhood Commission are working in UNICEF camps now (see story, page 7), in projects coordinated by Southern Baptist missionaries. But Baptists are building their own camp with its own clinic, expected to open in early September.

Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers from the Florida Baptist Convention also are working among refugees in Tanzania.

Contributions designated for hunger and relief may be sent to the Foreign Mission Board, P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230, or the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38104.

Like Terri, many Southern Baptists are learning that every dollar and every bit of concern counts in times of crisis. At first Terri didn't think her \$3 would make much difference.

"But I told her the Rwandan babies would be thankful for anything, that (her gift) would do a lot," Mrs. Clayton said.

"I told her, 'That's OK. That will make God very happy.'"

Croll writes for FMB.



GIVES HER ALL — Terri Clayton, 7, shows a copy of the picture that spurred her to give all her money — three \$1 bills — for Rwandan babies in Zaire. The children have been gathered up by relief workers as most of their parents have died in their exodus from Rwanda, where they feared killings by the Tutsi people who now control the country. Terri was moved to send her money to a project coordinated by Southern Baptist missionaries. The project uses volunteers from the United States and Zaire to care for children without parents in refugee camps around Goma, Zaire. (BP photo by Tim Palmer)

A million and five

How do you share the gospel of Christ's salvation with a tribe of one million people, spread across three countries, who haven't had contact with Christianity for 10 centuries? Tenacity and an overriding commitment to the Great Commission, say Southern Baptist missionaries working among the people. The tribe and the missionaries who work among them aren't identified by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (FMB), because Christianity is tightly restricted or oppressed in many of the tribe's homelands. "We want to make disciples, but we have no desire to make unnecessary martyrs or get kicked out of an area," one worker pointed out. The veteran missionary and his wife answered FMB's new challenge to reach people for Christ in the most remote — and sometimes hostile — areas of the world. "Jesus [told us] to take the gospel exactly there — to the ends of the earth. If we do that, the Holy Spirit will take care of the rest," he said.

FCA scoring big

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) chapters in American high schools have nearly doubled in only two years, despite attempts by school boards and other education officials to keep the group's unabashedly religious message off campuses. FCA has gone to court several times in recent years to force compliance with the Equal Access Act, passed by the U.S. Congress in 1990, and recently upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, which compels schools to allow religious groups to meet on campus. In many other cases, however, FCA hasn't had any trouble getting into schools. "We've had principals call up and say, 'We're losing the battle. Can you come to our campus and start an FCA group?'" said Dal Shealy, president of the Kansas City-based interdenominational group. Shealy gave credit for FCA's explosive growth in part to churches that include the organization in their missions budget — including a number of Southern Baptist churches in recent years.

Looking Back...

10 years ago

Maurice Flowers, Jones Association director of missions, is selected by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as 1984's outstanding missionary leader. He is recognized during Home Missions Week at Ridgecrest Assembly.

20 years ago

P.A. Stevens of Louisville is elected chairman of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission's board of trustees, and William Hardy of Columbus is re-elected to serve as the board's recording secretary.

50 years ago

U.S. Army chaplain Capt. Glenn Harbin, pastor of Richland Church, reports from deep in France that he is preaching at least six times each Sunday to allied soldiers pushing German troops farther and farther out of Hitler's "Fortress Europe."

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Guy Henderson

Theological double-speak

Molly T. Marshall, Ph.D., the first woman granted tenure in the School of Theology at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., has resigned. Her 10 years have not been without difficulty... controversy has dogged her from the beginning.

Now Albert Mohler, president of the seminary, charges that she failed to relate constructively to the SBC, supported the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and violated the seminary's teaching agreement found in the Abstract of Principles.

How can you take issue with such a gifted theologian as Al Mohler? Molly Marshall is also a brilliant theologian not without heavy academic credentials. Thus, there is no intention here to referee a theological squabble between two heavyweights.

Marshall had been acceptable to and defended by the past president, but Mohler said one of his primary responsibilities was "to protect the theological fidelity of the institution."

Lately Mohler has become a "spokesman" for the fundamental/conservative intelligentsia and has been active in Convention politics. There was to be no purge at Southern Seminary when he first headed the school. However, he has some vocal trustees, so perhaps the undue pressure remains on the president.

It could be that Molly Marshall's teaching is not in the best interest of the seminary and her forced resignation was the best thing for the school. Apparently much of the faculty did not think so and the student body (at least part of it) is in an uproar.

President Mohler stated that Professor Marshall's gender was not a factor in his decision to request her resignation. "The issue is not the gender of the professor, but the substance of what the professor teaches. Even though I believe the New Testament excludes women from teaching authority and the pastorate in the church, this does not mean women should not teach on the

faculty of the seminary or even in the school of theology," said Mohler.

What kind of theological double-speak is this? It sounds like the Pharisees are back in town.

"Excludes women from teaching authority..." but they can teach theology in the seminary? It seems more like unhappy trustees forcing an issue rather than an erudite seminary president. Let's be consistent. If women are not to pastor a church, neither should they teach theology to preachers.

If Professor Marshall was not teaching in accord with the Abstract of Principles then I wish to commend President Mohler for the forced resignation.

"The Abstract has been a smoke screen," Marshall contended. She said the action to remove her had been "a direct breach of contract" because she was not notified of the plan to remove her before the charges were presented.

Shades of Dilday! He that is without theological aberrance should cast the first stone.

It's your serve, Mississippi

The work of our churches is effective and appreciated. However, in many areas there are needs that no one church can meet, and those needs often fall through the crack. We have a great need of the ministry at Parchman Prison. No one church can do it all. It calls for all the churches to be supportive of such a ministry.

We call it State Missions and once a year there is a special offering to meet those needs. The 1994 goal is \$687,350. God has blessed us with an opportunity and with the materials to meet it.

The Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions emphasis consists of a week of prayer, study, and awareness — then the offering.

There are now 16 mobile chapels in service. These have been used to start many new churches and mission points. Camp Garaywa and Central Hills win, train, and teach thousands each year. Just this past year 129 boys made professions of faith during summer camp. One young lad could not wait until Sunday to tell his pastor; he called Friday night — "I got saved," he said.

Add to all these the large disaster relief feeding unit manned by the Brotherhood and the WMU's disaster relief unit.

Student work on Black cam-

puses is desperately needed. Funds are need to jump-start new missions, to help new pastors, and to keep the ministry going until it can be firmly established.

At times it seems we are quick to respond to needs in foreign places. It's more glamorous to travel 10,000 miles to minister than to travel 10 miles down the road. Somehow, we think our dollar can do more in overseas areas where the needs are many. We do well to support foreign needs but the strength of this support could well depend on State Missions. A strong home base is essential to missionary

support. Hands-on mission work has created more genuine interests in total mission endeavors than any other single event.

This "cup of water" ministry is not to be downgraded in view of other work. All of the Lord's work is important. The good Samaritan does not take a back seat on the mission bus.

It's your serve, Mississippi. Pray for state mission activities. Get your towel, or hammer, or the teaching charts ready. Our Jerusalem is just outside the door. Pray about your offering: "How much of my tears, sweat, and money will I involve?" — GH

BSSB-FMB venture involves students

NASHVILLE (BP) — Up to 750 Southern Baptist college students from across the country will be involved in short-term mission projects overseas next year as part of a new initiative sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's National Student Ministry.

"Global Student Involvement" (GSI) will send teams of students and student leaders for two-week mission projects in Central Asia, Indochina, Southeast Asia, North Africa, Eastern Europe, and several other locations around the world, according to National Student Ministry consultant Brad Gray, who is coordinating the pro-

ject in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board.

"We already have 524 positions ready to fill and we're expecting to have as many as 750," he said, adding most of the projects will take place in "World A countries" — locations the FMB has identified as being closed to a traditional missionary witness.

"We want college students to develop a heart for global missions, and to do that we have to expose them to the world," Gray said. "There's no better way to do that than through a firsthand missions experience."

GSI participants will follow a

1994 Mission

New Missions	\$174,000
Central Hills	\$190,000
Camp Garaywa	\$170,000
Special Ministries	\$3,000
National Baptists	\$3,000
Indians	\$3,000
Disaster Relief	\$35,000
Parchman Ministry	\$20,000
Jail and Prison Ministry	\$12,350
Church Bldg./Pastoral Aid	\$40,000
Student Work/Black Campuses	\$20,000
Church Planter	\$10,000
Missions Awareness	\$10,000

Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering
1994 Goal: \$687,350

THE FRAGMENTS

It doesn't get any better

Thanks to Newsweek magazine (Aug. 29, 1994 issue) for the article on "The Gospel of Guyhood" about the Promise Keepers. The "Keepers" have filled six stadiums with 234,000 men willing to learn more of how to be responsible to God, their wives, their children,

their church, and to each other.

More than 150,000 churches have sent inquiries to Promise Keepers seeking information on claiming manhood.

"My husband came home with patience, which he never had, listening, and understanding," wrote Madeline Cialella of Waterbury, Conn., concerning the effects of Promise Keepers. "I give God the glory."

Perhaps the shadow on the article is the blasé way it is written. The pages preceding Promise Keepers' coverage are filled with news of O.J. Simpson and friends.

Adultery, drunkenness, wife-beating, and infidelity are pictured as the norm. In the Promise Keepers article, there is one bright star to counteract such a lifestyle as O.J.'s, and it is a "tongue-in-cheek" effort.

Even so, the light of the transforming Christ shines through. The interdenominational movement's message is simple: "Following Jesus is not for women only, nor is it a spectator sport." — GH

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Fla. Baptist Witness editor resigns, cites board's "harassment"

ORLANDO, Fla. (ABP) — Jack Brymer, editor of the *Florida Baptist Witness* for the past 10 years, resigned abruptly Aug. 26, citing "continued harassment" from the newspaper's governing board.

For more than a year, the commission, while affirming Brymer's performance, has repeatedly debated the editorial practice of the *Witness*, particularly its role in reporting the ongoing controversy within

the Southern Baptist Convention. For more than an hour Aug. 26, commissioners discussed Brymer's use of stories from Associated Baptist Press, an autonomous news service that critics say is slanted in favor of moderate Baptists.

A motion asking Brymer to avoid using ABP deadlocked, 3-3. But Brymer resigned anyway, saying commissioners can't put the issue to rest.

The issue is not ABP, Brymer

said, but his professional integrity and editorial freedom. "The issue is whether or not people are going to be adult enough and open enough to the truth," he told commissioners.

"I'm in it for the integrity of the paper and my own conscience, which says if you are going to be a newsjournal you've got to keep the people informed, even when it's not popular and when some power people don't like it."

Brymer, 58, said his efforts to please the board have become "hopeless," according to transcripts of the meeting. "I just don't see the wisdom of me continuing. I just can't do that and maintain a degree of credibility."

Brymer reminded commissioners that 85% of Florida Baptists favor the use of ABP, while only 4% are opposed, according to a study conducted last year by an independent research firm.

ABP was founded by a group of Baptist editors Sept. 19, 1990, the day the SBC Executive Committee

fired the editors of Baptist Press, the denomination's official news service. ABP was established with an autonomous board of directors — all Southern Baptists — and receives about 46% of its funding from the Fellowship.

Most Baptist newspapers now use material from both ABP and Baptist Press. The *Witness* ranked 11th last year in use of ABP stories among Baptist newspapers. At least three-fourths of the national news in the *Witness* comes from Baptist Press, the rest from ABP, Brymer estimated.

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Convention Board meets, votes to present '95 budget

By Tim Nicholas

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB), meeting in Jackson Aug. 26, voted to recommend a 1995 Cooperative Program budget of \$22,606,579. This budget must be approved by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November (See budget table at right).

The budget is divided into three portions: for Southern Baptist Convention causes, \$8,364,434, or 37%; for Mississippi institutions and agencies, \$5,653,924, or 25.01%; and for Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, \$8,588,221, or 37.99%.

The board amount includes \$650,000 for the Expanded Church Annuity plan which goes to participating churches.

The 1995 budget is \$154,579 (or .69%) higher than the 1994 budget.

Any 1995 Cooperative Program monies over the budgeted amount will go to a challenge budget with 50% to Christian higher education, 25% to the

SBC, and 25% to the MBCB.

The budget remained unchanged from that recommended by the board's budget committee and the executive committee which approved it earlier in the day.

Other executive committee business included receiving the board audit and approving the re-hiring of KPMG Peat Marwick as auditor next year; approving up to \$24,800 for a new 15-passenger van; and disaster relief allocations.

The allocations included \$10,000 for Blue Mountain College to be applied to their expenditure of \$18,013.75, incurred in cleanup operations following the February ice storm, and up to \$25,000 for Rwanda response.

From this money will come up to \$500 in financial support for individuals working on teams offering relief to the Rwandan refugees. It costs about \$2,900 to travel to Zaire or other bordering

countries for the relief work.

The executive committee approved minor changes in participation in the Church Expanded Annuity Plan. The changes include providing Protection Section matching dollars regardless of the level of contributions.

Executive committee members voted new board members: Jay Turner to replace Dan Hembree; Burnette Fielder to replace Charles Cavanaugh; Charley Rempel to replace Burn Page; David Grisham to replace Danny Bryant; and Elton Chapman to replace Malcolm Pinion.

David Sellers left the executive committee because of a change of churches.

The committee heard that Levon Moore, because of failing health, has resigned as the convention's associate recording secretary.

Nicholas is director, MBCB Office of Communication.

FMB appoints five with state ties

Five individuals with Mississippi ties were appointed Aug. 17 as missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board. They will serve in central Asia, Spain, and South Korea.

James and Penni Tilton were named representatives of Cooperative Services International (CSI), a Southern Baptist aid organization. The couple and their young son will live in central Asia, where they will use their skills in development of CSI-projects in developing nations. The couple served from 1991 to 1993 on a similar assignment in the area.

Born in McComb, Penni is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Brown of Bogue Chitto, where she grew up. Arlington Church there was influential in her Christian growth. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in education from William Carey College, Hattiesburg.

James considers Vienna, Va., his hometown and First Church, Charlotte, N.C., his home church. He is a mechanical engineer, holding bachelor's and master's degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He also attended the Charlotte branch of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Gary D. Powell will start and develop churches in northern Spain. Former youth minister for First Church, Ocean Springs, he is a native of Tennessee where he has served as pastor of Birchwood Church since 1988. Earlier, he served for four summers as a staffer at Lake Forest Ranch, a

Christian camp near Macon.

He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Dennis and Janet Brotherton were reappointed to South Korea, where he will start and develop churches. Their earlier assignment in South Korea was from 1980-91.

Since 1991, the couple and their three children have lived in Pineville, Ky., where he was a professor and she an office manager at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College.

Dennis is a native of West Plains, Mo., and a graduate of Southwest Baptist University (SBU), Bolivar, and Southwestern Seminary.

Born in Greenville, Janet considers Tulsa, Okla., her hometown. Her mother Mary Willis still resides there. She also is a graduate of SBU.

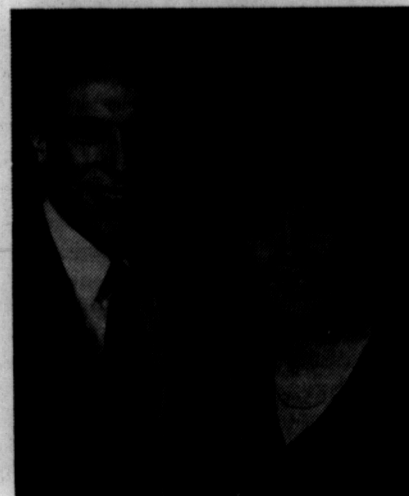
1995 Proposed Cooperative Program Budget

	1994* budget	1995*** budget	Percent of total
Southern Baptist Convention**			
SBC Operating	189,626	189,771	0.84
Foreign Mission Board	4,153,619	4,182,253	18.50
Home Mission Board	1,624,470	1,635,673	7.24
Annuity Board	63,675	64,115	0.28
SBC Seminaries	1,683,932	1,695,460	7.50
Christian Life Commission	81,168	82,890	0.37
Radio-TV Commission	330,042	332,318	1.47
Am. Bapt. Sem., Foundation, Education, Brotherhood, Historical, and Stewardship commissions	180,709	181,955	0.80
Total	8,307,240	8,364,434	37.00
Mississippi Institutions and Agencies			
Baptist Children's Village	450,000	450,000	1.99
Board of Ministerial Education	175,000	175,000	0.77
Christian Action Commission	220,494	220,494	0.98
Christian Education	3,730,045	3,730,045	16.50
Christian Education Capital Needs	650,000	650,000	2.88
Historical Commission	38,521	39,901	0.18
Mississippi Baptist Foundation	201,414	210,484	0.93
Mississippi Baptist Medical Center	178,000	178,000	0.79
Total	5,643,474	5,653,924	25.01
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board			
Missions/Church Services			
Baptist Record	540,320	548,051	2.42
Broadcast Services	178,629	180,104	0.80
Brotherhood	363,113	370,173	1.64
Business Div./Acct & Pers Services	380,948	394,346	1.74
Church Admin/Church Bldg Services	235,772	238,191	1.05
Church Music	322,281	324,089	1.43
Church/Minister Relations	251,008	258,286	1.14
Computer Information Services	230,527	234,413	1.04
Convention & Convention Committees	81,865	81,865	0.36
Discipleship Training	476,728	486,127	2.15
Evangelism Promotion	196,271	207,179	0.92
Exec. Director's Office (Prayer Ministry)	281,767	299,993	1.33
Gulfshore Operations	271,510	288,635	1.28
Ministry Office	226,797	212,338	0.94
Missions Extension Assoc Admin	625,082	592,006	2.62
Office of Communication	253,237	246,738	1.09
Stewardship	226,005	228,079	1.01
Student Work	1,139,062	1,152,935	5.10
Sunday School	530,661	535,918	2.37
Woman's Missionary Union	501,336	510,388	2.26
Youth Night/Youth Weeks	52,700	52,700	0.23
Project Funds			
Expanded Church Annuity	650,000	650,000	2.88
Board Capital Needs	460,667	460,667	2.04
Student Center Capital Needs	25,000	35,000	0.15
Total	8,501,286	8,588,221	37.99
Total Cooperative Program Budget	22,452,000	22,606,579	100.00

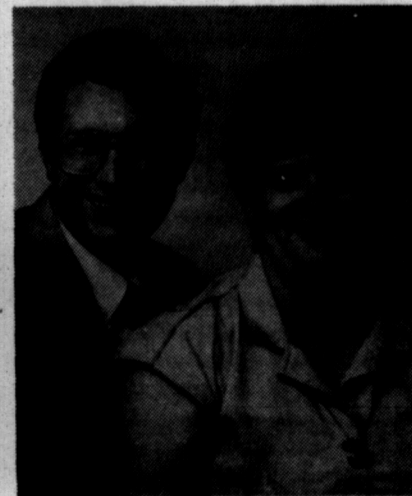
*Budget approved during MS Baptist Convention, Nov. 17, 1993

**Based on 1994-95 Budget % as approved by the SBC

***Budget as recommended by the MBCB Budget Committee



James and Penni Tilton



Dennis and Janet Brotherton



Central Hills summer staff

Royal Ambassador Camp staff for 1994 included (first row, from left) Dan West, manager/director, Kosciusko; J. Keith Holt, maintenance assistant, West; Roddy Reed, program assistant, Edwards; (second row, from left) Josh Davis, Ruth; Tim Smith, Ecu; Brian Creely, Indianola; Jason Crider, Pearl; Bobby Daniel, New Iberia, La.; Rob Rainer, Columbus; Travis Dunlap, Pearl; Doreatha Love, West; Johnnie Erving, West; Paul Love, West; (third row, from left) Dorothy Mallett, West; Jason Shorter, Florence; Wayne Register, Hattiesburg; Mark Isbell, Tupelo; Jeremy Lee, Arnold, Md.; Alberta Fuller, Kosciusko; Brad White, Starkville; Pearl

Veasley, Kosciusko; Betty Hill, Durant; Peggy Wasson-Tyler, Kosciusko; (fourth row, from left) Chad Gunn, Petal; Quinn Wilson, Clinton; Timothy McCollum, Tupelo; Marty Ward, Pickens; Joseph Benson, Ellisville; Dan Glenn, Clinton; Scott Wilson, Clinton; Richard Burns, Baldwin; June Shaw, Eupora; Euel Nelson, Monticello; Melba Nelson, Monticello; (fifth row, from left) Jamie Ramage, Kosciusko; Danny Forrest, Brookhaven; Sean Thornton, Brandon; Breck Ladd, Monticello; Robert East, Rolling Fork; Brennan Purvis, Gulfport; Will John Martin, Indianola; Paul Nation, Gore Springs; and Sam Allison, Columbus.

Rankin "twice as optimistic" after a year at helm of FMB

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (BP) — Describing his first year as president of the Foreign Mission Board as "a whirlwind," Jerry Rankin said he is more optimistic about the cause of foreign missions than ever.

Upon his election to his new post a year ago, Rankin said he was optimistic about the FMB's future because of what he had seen God do in the part of the world where he had been working as an area director.

"I really am twice as optimistic now," he said, now that he is able to see God's activity all over the world.

Rankin mentioned several indicators of God's activity, including a record number of appointments during the past year — 498. The previous appointment record was 425.

He also pointed out how the board had broken the 4,000-mark in missionary personnel. In addition, the FMB currently is working with more than 3,000 foreign mission candidates. A record Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions and another record in overseas baptisms last year also

are indicative of God's working during Rankin's first year at the helm. Last year saw a record 262,000 baptisms; the previous record was 251,000.

Rankin also pointed out that in 1992 there were 1,609 new churches overseas — the most ever. That record also was surpassed by 25% in 1993, with more than 2,000 new churches.

Rankin said the number of churches overseas has doubled in just the past six years. After 141 years of Southern Baptist mission outreach, there were 17,000 churches overseas. Today there are 35,000.

Bold Mission Thrust, Rankin believes, is reachable. Of the 12,000 missionaries appointed in the history of SBC, half of them have been appointed since BMT was adopted in 1976.

Decentralization, streamlining, and consolidation at the board in recent months has enabled the mission organization to get a more global perspective, Rankin continued.

"We must recognize we can't have one common strategy for the

whole world." Changes at the board are giving the missionaries on the field "more empowerment and latitude" to determine strategies and methodologies, "rather than controlling it from Richmond."

Rankin said he did not believe the decision of the SBC to reject money given through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will hurt the work of the FMB. Saying, "Any gift given for missions through any channel or cause is holy unto the Lord," Rankin refused to call CBF funds "tainted money," as some have.

At the same time, Rankin said, "I believe very strongly that we have got to seek to strengthen and unify our cooperative channels of giving to missions as Southern Baptists." Voluntarily cooperating together in "the way the convention has determined we're to cooperate" is the only thing that holds autonomous Southern Baptist churches together, he added.

"That decision (of the SBC) won't hurt us. We are about a kingdom purpose and the King has all the resources we need to accomplish that purpose," Rankin said.

Margaret Lackey Offering...

Future church leaders shaped by spirituality of Central Hills camp

By William H. Perkins Jr.

The Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions is much more than a gift to a far-away charitable enterprise with some anonymous result.

In fact, the result of your gift to this offering has a name and may be sitting not far from you at church this Sunday.

One of the many ways the Margaret Lackey Offering supports Mississippi Baptists is Central Hills Retreat near Kosciusko, where 754 young men made 334 important spiritual decisions during five weeks of camp.

In addition, 142 campers participated in two Central Hills Lad/Dad Weekend Camps where fathers and sons share quiet, uninterrupted time together — a rare event for many of today's hurried young families.

"The Margaret Lackey Offering is our lifeline, financially. Camper fees are a supplement, but the offering underwrites our basic operating expenses," said Dan West, Central Hills manager.

West's workers this summer consisted of 32 student staff, 24 senior adult volunteers, seven food service workers, and three full-time employees. That's no small operation.

"The staff worked together

really well, and each of our weeks reflected an increase from the year before," West pointed out.

Of the 334 decisions made at Central Hills this summer, 117 were professions of faith; 182 were rededications; 22 life commitments were recorded; and 13 were classified as miscellaneous.

West explained that each boy who makes a decision is counseled at Central Hills, and then a letter is mailed to the boy's pastor informing him of the decision. The boy is also sent a follow-up letter to encourage him to talk with his pastor and make his decision public.

From such decisions will come Mississippi's church leaders for the future, and as young Mississippi boys search for spiritual significance in their lives, Central Hills Retreat plays a most important role — a role the Margaret Lackey Offering makes possible.

"We simply couldn't operate without it," West said.

For more information about the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions, contact your pastor or the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 968-3800.

Lad/Dad weekends bring out best in fathers, sons

By William H. Perkins Jr.

Terry Godfrey wasn't a dad when he served 14 years ago on the staff of Central Hills Retreat near Kosciusko, but the young boys who came there for camps taught him an important lesson: strong, involved fathers are vital to the spiritual growth of their sons.

That's why Terry was back this summer at Mississippi Baptists' Royal Ambassador campground for his third Lad/Dad Weekend Camp with eight-year-old son Brad.

The campout was even more special this year with the addition of second son Derrick, 5, who accompanied them for the first time.

"The Lad/Dad weekends are good for the boys. It's fun, and it's good to get away and get in the right frame of mind," Terry said.

"I see so many people who don't spend time with their kids. Parents just have to make time; I make it a priority," the McAdams native pointed out.

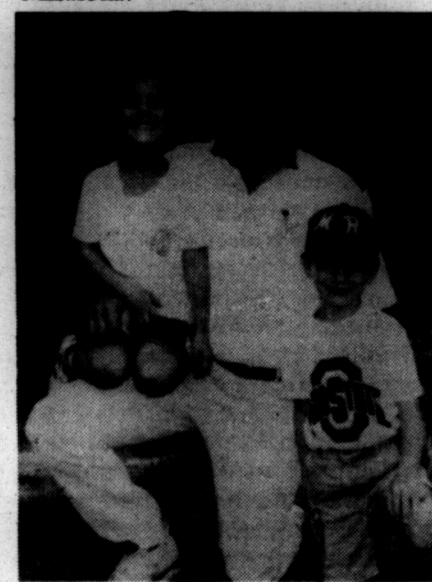
Terry and wife Traci also of McAdams, were married by longtime Central Hills manager Dan West. The family lives in Madison, where Brad is a third-grader and Derrick is a kindergartner at Madison Station school.

As his own sons scurried to a nearby volleyball court to chal-

lenge other lads who had arrived with their dads, Terry recalled how the young boys he counseled 14 years ago have reached manhood.

"All of a sudden, you're going to wake up and they'll be grown. Spend time with them now, while you can," he stressed.

Central Hills Retreat and Lad/Dad Weekend Camps are made possible through the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions.



Derrick (left), Terry (center), and Brad Godfrey.

Molly Marshall resigns Southern after Mohler threatens to fire her

By Marv Knox

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (ABP) — Molly Marshall, the first woman granted tenure in Southern Seminary's school of theology, has resigned her position effective Dec. 31.

Marshall, an associate professor of theology, was elected to the Southern Seminary faculty in 1984 and granted tenure in 1988. Controversy — especially allegations regarding her views of salvation and the roles of women in ministry — has dogged her from the beginning.

During most of her career, Marshall received the support of seminary administrators, even as some trustees and others called for her dismissal. But that balance shifted last year, when trustees elected Albert Mohler to succeed Roy Honeycutt as president of the Louisville, Ky., school, the oldest of six Southern Baptist seminaries.

The situation climaxed June 21, when the administration informed her charges for her dismissal would be initiated if she did not resign, Marshall said. That assertion was documented by her correspondence with David Dockery, the seminary's vice president for academic administration.

First was her alleged "failure to relate constructively to" the Southern Baptist Convention, such as "teachings that might be in conflict with motions or resolutions passed at the SBC or support of/involvement with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship."

Second was alleged "violations of the Abstract of Principles," the seminary's governing theological document, regarding the doctrines of atonement, uni-

versalism, perseverance of the saints, God and Holy Scripture.

"The Abstract has been a smoke screen," Marshall contended. She said she sent Mohler a memo Aug. 16 in which she reviewed each of the Abstract's 20 principles, particularly noting her beliefs regarding each principle under question.

"Given a chance to respond to a clear presentation of my views, there was none," she said. "Hence, the issue is not theology."

Since Marshall joined the faculty in 1984, she has been a student favorite, known especially for her spirited, rapid-fire lectures, and difficult exams. In 1993, she won the seminary's award for teaching excellence.

But her detractors — primarily conservative trustees — persistently have accused her of theological liberalism. It's a charge she successfully answered until this summer.

The difference between the early encounters and this summer's lies with the change in seminary administration, Marshall said.

"What has made the difference is the change in president," she said. "I've always had unequivocal support from the president, provost, and dean until the election of Al Mohler."

"He promised to enforce the Abstract of Principles. He has enforced it in his own rendering, which now stands as the measure of the faculty members' fidelity. We've never had an official interpretation. It always has been left to the liberty of the conscience of the individual faculty member."

Although he declined to cite

specific charges, Mohler confirmed he believed Marshall crossed the line of fidelity to the Abstract.

Observers of the situation have speculated that Marshall's gender has much to do with her troubles.

For her part, Marshall said: "I would say that is certainly a part of it. I'm an ordained Southern Baptist minister who has served as a pastor and am unapologetic for my views on the calling of women to ministry."

"They'll say it's not because I'm a woman, that we have other women on the faculty. But because my position personifies a view that challenges hierarchical views against women in ministry, I have been the most visible target."

Mohler categorically denied gender had anything to do with the situation.

"The issue is not the gender of the professor, but the substance of what the professor teaches," he said. "Even though I believe the New Testament excludes women from teaching authority and the pastorate in the church, this does not mean women should not teach on the faculty of the seminary or even in the school of theology."

Marshall said she was not an adherent of the "mainstream of feminist theology." However, she said the perspectives of a woman who is a theologian seem to be threatening to the new SBC power structure.

Mohler contended the issue is the integrity of theological education. "The Abstract of Principles has and will function as the anchor which will hold this institution to the truth of the gospel and the trust of the churches," he said. "I will answer to the board of trustees, to the churches, and to God himself concerning my stewardship of office."

"There is absolutely no vindictiveness or personal agenda. The issues were theological."

Marshall said she chose to resign rather than fight the charges for three primary reasons.

"First, there was no chance of a fair hearing of my theological views because the decision to fire me was made prior to the disclosing of any charges," she said.

"Second, I have become increasingly aware that the voices of dissent would not be tolerated under the Mohler presidency. I have no future here."

"And third, I care deeply for Ph.D. students whom I am supervising. If fired, I could not complete their supervision."

While affirming her colleagues, especially noting the other women on the faculty, Marshall claimed her ouster will send a message to them.

"The purging of one faculty member is a signal to others how the president and trustees plan to deal with dissenting voices."

Knox is editor, Kentucky WESTERN RECORDER.

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Chinese Mission marks 60th

The Chinese Mission of First Church, Greenville, held a celebration July 17 to mark its 60th anniversary. A Chinese ladies ensemble in native costume sang in Cantonese, a reception was held, and photographs and other artifacts were displayed. Ed Pang (left) was presented a plaque in honor of his 29 years of service as superintendent of the mission. Bill Causey (right), executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB), and J. Garland McKee, director of the Evangelism Department, MBCB, were speakers. Both are Greenville natives. Other guests were Jay Richardson, pastor of First, Greenville; Kenneth Forbus, on staff at First, Greenville; and Roy Raddin, director of missions for Washington Association. Officers and teachers of the Chinese Mission are: Ted Shepherd, pastor; Ed Pang, superintendent; C.W. Sidney, secretary-treasurer; Nancy Riddle, pianist; and Lon Pepper, Mary Pang, Jeff Tarver, and Teresa Lee, teachers.

Lewis challenges US-2ers to "go, sow, reap" souls

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — Christians must go out and sow the gospel with prayer if they are to be effective soul-winners, Home Mission Board President Larry Lewis said at a commissioning service for 36 US-2 Southern Baptist missionaries.

"If we go and sow and weep, we will reap with rejoicing," Lewis told missionaries, their family members, and others attending a home missions conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Conference Center.

In his challenge, Lewis called soul-winning "the greatest subject in the world," stressing the need for all Christians to be witnesses for the Lord.

"We need to get on our feet, out

of our seat, onto the street sharing Christ," he said. "What value is the cross if the story of the cross is not shared?"

Lewis noted the denomination's emphasis next year for Southern Baptists is to share their faith daily for 60 days beginning Jan. 9. "If we can get our people to share their faith every day for 60 days, we believe they'll be committed to it for the rest of their lives."

The US-2 missionaries who were commissioned are from 18 states and Puerto Rico, and they will serve in 20 states and Puerto Rico. Among them are the first two nurses to serve as US-2 missionaries. US-2ers are college graduates who serve two years in home missions assignments.

Mid-South School of Church Growth scheduled for Oct.

The Mid-South School of Evangelism and Church Growth will be conducted Oct. 14-16 at the New Orleans Seminary. Speakers will include Ken Hemphill, new president of Southwestern Seminary; Jim Henry, pastor of First Church, Orlando, Fla.; Charles Kelley Jr., evangelism professor, New Orleans Seminary; and Darrell Robinson of the Evangelism Section, Home Mission Board. Lonnie Stewart of First Church, W. Monroe, La., will direct the music.

The conference is being sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board, the Home Mission Board, and New Orleans Seminary in cooperation with the Mississippi/Louisiana conventions. There is

a \$25 fee for registration and materials. Call (504) 282-4455, ext. 3260 for more information.



Support Conferences for ministers set over the state, September

A series of Minister's Support Conferences is to take place this month in three locations.

Dates and places are Sept. 12 at Temple Church, Hattiesburg; Sept. 13 at Emmanuel Church, Grenada; and Sept. 14 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Each begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at noon.

These identical conferences will be led by Fred McGehee, a growth consultant at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Conference topics include "Resiliency in Ministry — How to Keep On;" "Coping with Difficult People;" and "Miscommunication in the Church."

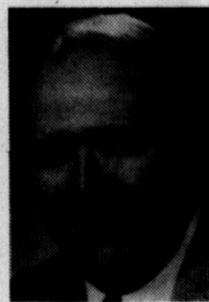
Louis Smith, director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Department of Church/Minister Relations and Annuity, which sponsors the sessions, said

the idea came out of a series of career assessment seminars he held earlier.

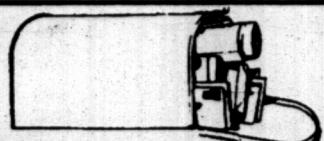
A larger group of ministers will be able to participate this way, he said, particularly since the conferences will be held in three places.

Smith said the topics relate to ministers developing long term ministries, getting along with different types of people in the church, and making certain that "you don't make your people have to guess your next move," said Smith.

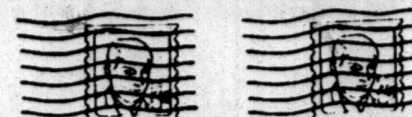
The programs are free. No pre-registration is required. No meals will be served.



McGehee



Letters to the editor



Seeks pastor

Editor:

Tokyo Baptist Church is seeking a replacement for our current staff member who will retire effective Jan. 1, 1995. We seek a husband-wife team, with proficiency in any two of three areas (youth, music, and education).

Because of the distance and travel costs, shipping costs, etc., we would wish for a three-year commitment. Tokyo Baptist Church (TBC) is an international Baptist church which ministers in English to people who, at the moment, represent some 40 differing nationalities. TBC has been designated by the Foreign Mission Board as one of the most strategic churches in the world for the decade of the '90s. It is an exciting place to serve the Lord.

Resumes may be sent to: Tokyo Baptist Church, 9-2 Hachiyamacho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150 Japan, Attention: Pastor.

Norman Wood, pastor
Tokyo Baptist Church

Change and growth

Editor:

Euclatubba Church, Saltillo, was organized in September 1858. Since then, it has seen good times and bad times. However, this church is now experiencing lots of change and growth. "We are so excited and praising the Lord for what is happening," said John Hearn, pastor.

In the last church year, we have seen many saved, 22 joined by letter, 12 joined by baptism, two joined by statement — 51 new additions since May 1993.

An RA and GA program has been established, children's church has been organized, a music director has been called, a new church bus has been purchased, and [we are] now undergoing a building program.

We are starting with a new fellowship hall that is 30' X 60'. We anticipate the Lord is going to continue to bless so we will be

Bethany marks 175th anniversary

Bethany Church, Prentiss, will celebrate its 175th anniversary on Sept. 11.

The 10:30 a.m. worship service will include a reading of the church's history and a message from former pastor Danny Berry.

A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon.

At 1:30 p.m., six former pastors will share testimonies of what God has done in their lives since leaving Bethany, and a reception will follow.

For more information, call the church at (601) 792-5755. Darren Wigington is pastor.

looking to build a new sanctuary along with more Sunday School rooms next.

Our goal is to show love and come together as one body. We want to be able to help meet the needs of our community and we are so blessed. "It's nothing I've done," said Hearn. "It's what our Lord is doing. The best is yet to be."

Barbara Hearn
Saltillo

Disturbed by Owens

Editor:

I found the Baptist Press report on the comments of Ron Owens of the Home Mission Board concerning worship to be disturbing, at best, especially when he says, "I am not against... being joyous in the Lord or enthusiasm. I am against calling this worship." It makes me wonder, would he call being dull, bored, and irrelevant worship? Owens was correct on one account: True worship is an humbling experience. A seeker-oriented, celebrative worship service where human beings encounter the presence of God in their lives and where Christians are challenged with the call of the gospel to service, is to me an humbling experience. And, I am convinced, brings glory to the God we serve.

Not wishing to be overly critical, but I believe Owens is being a bit anachronistic. What matters most in worship is what happens in the heart. How that heart experience is expressed in the actual ceremony is strongly influenced by culture. If this were not so, they would worship in Africa just as we do in North America. At this point in Baptist life we do not need a voice from our denomination that calls upon us to freeze our style of worship. Rather, let the Spirit lead as born-again people of today's world seek to express themselves in the adoration of our God. "Worship cannot be seeker-friendly," says Ron Owens of the Home Mission Board. "Seek, and ye shall find," says Jesus.

Carl M. White, pastor
Clarksdale Church
Clarksdale

Shot in the foot

Editor:

More words cannot begin to describe the tremendous success that our church enjoyed with Adventure Week this summer. It was the shot in the arm our VBS program has needed for many years. Our teachers were elated, and kids whose parents once had to force them to attend VBS were now begging for more. Even the teachers wished for a second week! Two months later, the songs we learned are still being hummed all over town, in banks and businesses. And most importantly, where we previously have had two or three professions of faith, we had nine this year.

Now comes the word that Adventure Week has been discontinued, and that the Church Recreation Department which produced it, staffed by some of the most creative people at the [Baptist Sunday School] Board, has been abolished. Sadness doesn't begin to describe what I feel. Adventure Week was one of the very finest products to come out in years and received national acclaim. A very great need was being met by it, and a market was created. How unfortunate it is that it had such tremendous success in church; and then, when totally unrealistic sales expectations were not met, Adventure Week was snatched away from us.

Many will assume that now, with no more Adventure Week, we will simply return to the traditional VBS material. This is highly unlikely. It will be nearly impossible to go back to marching kids in for opening assembly like I did as a child 30 years ago.

To use an old phrase, Adventure Week has let the genie out of the bottle, and we can't put him back. Our children and workers were already anticipating next summer (which has never happened before). Now I feel as though we have been shot in the foot.

Jimmy McFatter
Minister of education
First Church
Amory

Brave new world

Editor:

I think the modern prison will be very different from today. I think the wall will be longer and higher. I think the prisons will definitely be larger. Inside there will be churches, malls, individual homes, litter-free surroundings. There will only be a few law enforcement officers. Most of them will have to guard the gates. Inside these walls there will be no need of locks for cars or houses. You will be free to come and go anytime during the day or night without any fear of danger. You will never have to worry about being cheated or robbed of anything.

The reason that I feel that this would be a future prison is because I think the bad people will soon outnumber the good. I think it would be more cost-efficient to build a secure prison for the good people. On the outside, the bad could roam and let them destroy, rob, cheat, burn, and murder each other. The good would never be affected. There would be no need for welfare, because we would have no one to work to support it.

If all the bad were on the outside and had to depend on each other, I wonder how much crime would actually exist. Would they have to work to support themselves? Would the bad care about the bad? Who would they be impressing?

Imagine what this world would

be like if this were true! Can you think what this would be like to live on the inside of the prison? Wouldn't it feel good to be safe, to know that your children could go out and have a good time without being kidnapped, murdered, raped, drugged, hit by drunk drivers, and all other bad things? What would you name this new prison? Let's name it heaven and let's call the outside world hell.

Vicki Wright
Laurel

Cancel conference

Editor:

A conference on "Ministries in gambling communities" is being sponsored by Gulf Coast Association, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB), and the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board in Atlanta on Oct. 3-5 at Gulfshore Assembly.

As a pastor in Neshoba County, where casino gambling has been legalized on the Choctaw reservation, some of the planned activities for this conference are very disturbing to me. For instance:

1. Speakers: Julie Condon, vice president of the company that operates child care facilities for five casinos, and Joe Giardino, public relations director of Grand Casino in Biloxi, speaking on "What Christians can expect from casinos."

Questions: How much will they be paid? Who will pay them? Their employers? The sponsoring Baptist boards? Will the next conference be on "Ministry to the prostitution community," "Liquor distributing community," or "Abortion clinic community," etc., and will we have prostitutes, bootleggers, bartenders, and abortionists appearing on the program?

2. Tours: "Van tours of casinos along the Mississippi coast will also be offered to participants."

Questions: Will casino vans or church vans be used? Who will pay for this service? Does the sponsoring association and boards plan to have tours to houses of prostitution, liquor stores and bars, and abortion clinics, if and when those conferences are scheduled?

Here in Neshoba County, some Bible-believing pastors and people are trying to teach people not to go to the casino, even to eat in the restaurants, because of their testimonies and examples. If we follow the leadership of our GCBA, MBCB, and HMB, we will be offering tours to our members and taking our church vans, letting our church budgets pay for the expenses of those tours.

I do not speak for the church where I pastor when I say that I consider it a "slap in the face" of Jesus Christ and all Christians in gaming areas who are trying to stand against sin in our communities, when our own county, state, and national denominational leaders are encouraging support and fellowship with sin when Ephesians 5:11 plainly states: "And

have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Please cancel the conference or cancel the tours, and change the program to only include strong Christians who are against Satan and all his devices.

Hugh A. Martin
Philadelphia

Cuba's warning

Editor:

Castro is on the air again. He blames the United States for the mighty migration of Cubans to this country.

My family and I lived in Cuba for many years and were there when Batista betrayed the people by overthrowing the duly-elected president and ultimately becoming a dictator, and later when Cuba fell to communism. Since then, from this side of the 90-mile stretch, we have witnessed the rapid deterioration of the country politically and economically.

I was one of thousands who believed "El Maximo Lider" would bring stability and justice to the island. I even attended a rally held by Protestant churches in Havana to welcome the arrival of Fidel Castro on his triumphant entry into the city.

I was still there when Fidel began to revile my [American] government in four- and five-hour speeches. Never could I have guessed Russia was the power behind the bearded bear.

Castro has been in power now for 35 years; but he lost his Russian ally and much of his peasant following. He is in trouble. This is reflected in his recent 90-minute television talks to his nation and to the world. No longer does he rave and rant against the imperialistic United States. Neither does he evidence the deep-seated anger that he once had against our country. Perhaps this is because he would like to establish diplomatic relations between Cuba and the U.S.

It is interesting to note, however, the audacity that Castro has in telling his people that "he can't patrol the borders of this country."

After witnessing the fall of the democratic government of Cuba, I shudder to watch the rapid decline of my country, politically and economically.

My concern is that once all the new social programs are in place and everyone is fully "stimulated," that an enemy greater than Fidel Castro or Nikita Krushchev will arise against our benevolent government. It occurred in Rome, and it could happen here.

The answer could be 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Fellow Americans, let's awaken and save our country from destruction. Let's unite in brotherly love the people of all races and religious persuasions and perform some personal service for the sick, needy, illiterate, and children.

Nola Dale Granberry
Ridgeland

Volunteer team helps bring new life to Rwandan children

By Bob Carey

GOMA, Zaire (BP) — Tim Malone quietly cried as he worked his way down the rough pile of rocks that make up Magunga Camp, carrying a three-month-old infant dying of cholera.

For Malone it was a difficult first day of his 16-day volunteer relief trip to the Rwandan refugee camps sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board and Brotherhood Commission.

"I really thought he was going to die in my arms," Malone said about the child. "I was frustrated that I couldn't have intervened sooner. He was severely malnourished and looked like a premie, not a three-month-old. That's the frustrating part. If we had only reached him sooner."

"I've seen many people die before but there's nothing like seeing a child die who's an innocent victim."

"The conditions here are more incredible than I could ever imagine," Malone said. "There are people everywhere. As we drove in I couldn't believe it. The television news just didn't show the expanse of the camp."

Magunga Camp is one of four in the area surrounding Goma. The United Nations estimates there are close to 800,000 refugees in the Magunga Camp and close to 2 million throughout the Goma area. The area is covered by a mix of smoke, dust, and volcanic ash, making breathing difficult at times.

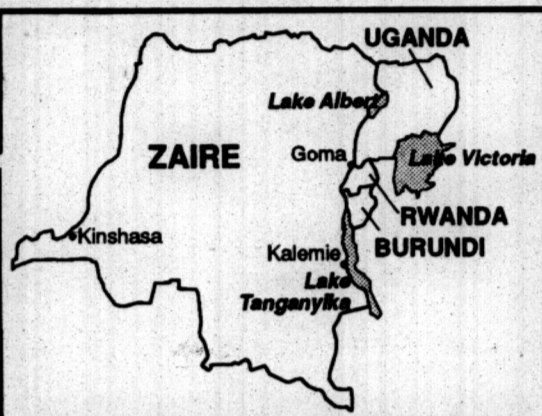
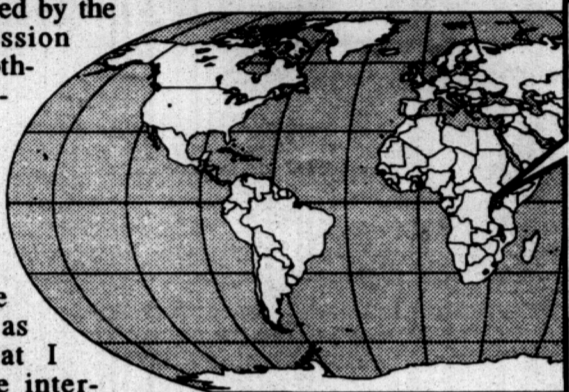
Malone, a physician from Fort

Worth, found the call to come was one he couldn't resist. After he learned about the Southern Baptist relief teams, it was Malone's schedule and skills that placed him on the first 16-person team that would help overburdened FMB personnel working in the camp.

Each team has two

Tulinabo is one such child. He doesn't speak and clings to the nurses and volunteers working in the camp.

"He's in such shock that his facial muscles have formed a frown. He's coming around, but he needs so much love," said Carmen



doctors and four nurses; the balance is comprised of construction workers, maintenance workers, cooks, and drivers. Six more teams are scheduled to arrive in the relief camp in the coming weeks.

"When I saw the needs I knew my skills were needed. I had to be here," Malone said. "I kept asking, 'When do we leave?'"

The roar of U.S. Air Force C-141s and other large transport planes delivering food and medical supplies for the refugees disturbs the night. Between aircraft, gunfire can be heard from the surrounding neighborhoods.

Approximately 9,000 unaccompanied children live in relief camps, according to UNICEF. Many of these children have been separated from their parents during the exit from Rwanda and have suffered from shock.

O'Kelley, a nurse from Dayton, Ohio, who serves with the FMB's International Service Corps.

"At times, it seems like I haven't done much nursing, (spending time) loving and playing with them," O'Kelley added. "But I know it's an important part of their recovery."

For more information or to contribute to the Rwanda Refugee Relief Effort sponsored by the FMB and the Brotherhood Commission, contact Southern Baptist hunger and relief at either the Foreign Mission Board, P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230-6767, or Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar, Ave., Memphis, TN 38104-2493.

Carey is editor of MISSIONS TODAY, the missions magazine for Baptist Men and Baptist Young Men, published by the Brotherhood Commission.

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Doty Chapel Acteens pitch in

Acteens of Doty Chapel Church in Shannon recently participated in a two-week-long mission effort with the Lee Association. They first conducted a soap and oat drive for the association's food bank in memory of longtime volunteer Bob Dodson, Doty Chapel member. Afterward, the girls washed windows (top photo) and stocked shelves at the food bank. Angie Gregory, Acteen leader, said the girls plan to carry on Dodson's work by holding various drives throughout the year. J.C. Prather (above, left), director of missions for Lee Association, is pictured with the Acteens and their leaders.



LifeAnswers

Ron Mumbower, Ed.D.
Minister of Counseling
First Church, Jackson

Book stores are filled with books about men being family leaders. What about the single man (or woman) as family leader?

Those books on family leadership apply just as much to single people, because our job as family leaders is unto the Lord and not to spouses or children. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." This verse says nothing about a person being married or single; the command is to do it unto the Lord. Single men — don't forsake your children! Whether or not you have custody, your input in your children's lives is vital. As their earthly father, you exemplify the love their Heavenly Father has for them. Single women — be the mother and only the mother to your children. A father gives strength and security, but only a mother can nurture and care for her children. Pray for and seek out men who will work with you to show God's love to your children, such as youth leaders, coaches, relatives, neighbors, and Sunday School teachers. These books are for all

parents. It's time for parents to lead their families and give their children strength and nurture.

I have no joy and always feel negative. I want more in my Christian life, so how do I get this joy?

1. Be grateful for what you have. Think every day about what God has given you and tell him "thanks." Practice saying "thank you" to others when they compliment or praise you.

2. Be enthusiastic about everything you do. The word enthusiastic literally means "in God." Keep a smile on your face and a positive statement on your desk, car dashboard, and mirror so you can see it at all times.

3. Stay around positive people. Join a positive group at church or start one yourself (you are not alone). Ask your pastor or minister of education about the "Experiencing God" series from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and study it with other people to understand what God is doing in their lives. When you realize that others are hurting as well as being blessed, you can see how God works and that you are a viable part of his kingdom.

Send your counseling questions to LifeAnswers c/o The Baptist Record, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Please be brief. Name is not required. Remember: in time of crisis, your pastor can make recommendations on your counseling needs.

Smoky Mountain

Celebration

Oct. 28-30, 1994

Featuring Wayne Watson, Recording Artist, Tom Tufts, Youth Speaker, Al Holley, Worship Leader, and Newly Reorganized First Call, Recording Artists.

Smoky Mountain Teen Celebration is a two night, three day Christian youth conference at the Grand Resort Hotel & Convention Center in Pigeon Forge, TN. It is sponsored by Mountain Top Conferences, a ministry of the Phil Waldrep Evangelistic Association.

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Just for the Record



First Church, Vicksburg, held "Missions: A Mind Growing Experience" as its GA Recognition Service on June 1. Pictured, from left, first row, are Laura Blackledge, Katie McGee, Ashley Swillie, Allison Watkins, Logan Chaney, Kimberly Cote, Megan Easterling, Katie Farris, Megan Holland; second row, Lacey Boswell, Sarah Katherine Chaney, Anna Lora McMurphy, Bridget Smith, Lindsey Brown, Lauren Crutcher, Leigh

Jolly, Bonnie Lee, Stephanie Swillie; third row, Jessie Tomlinson, Holly Neal, Sarah Jolly, Katie Grogan, Lacey Chaney, Dixie Boswell; fourth row, Amy Stagg, Denise Robertson, Amber Middleton, Amanda Logue, Jamie Harper, and Jennifer George. Not pictured were Misty McDonald, Jennifer Koester, Rebecca Harden, Melanie Mendrop, Christina Koester, and Anna Stone.



Wynndale Church, Terry, recently held its RA Recognition Service. RAs receiving their badges, pictured, from left, front row, are Hunter Ainsworth, Bradley Swindoll, Brock Ainsworth; second row, Matt Johnson and Charles Weathersby; back row, David Quarles, P.J. Waldrop, and Thomas Weathersby. Jeff Lofton, Jim Johnson, and Tommy Weathersby are RA leaders and Charles Gentry is pastor.



Wynndale Church, Terry, held its Children's Choirs awards recognition service recently. They were presented hymnals for the hymn-memory program. Pictured, from left, front row, are Renee' Anderson, Mindy Waldrop, Amanda Dillard, Katie Johnson; second row, Bradley Swindoll, Amber Hartzog, Melissa Matheny; back row, Daniel Matheny, Mindy Blackwell, and Caitlin Hodges. Jeannie Sandidge is Children's Choirs coordinator and Charles Gentry is pastor.

Ground breaking services were held at **Euclatubba Church, Saltillo**, for a fellowship hall at a cost of \$60,000. John Hearn is pastor.

Atlanta International Ministries 1996 (AIM '96) is Southern Baptists' outreach effort for the 1996 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Atlanta. The limit of mission groups for 1995 is 50. Applications for service can now be obtained from AIM '96, P.O. Box 78005, Atlanta, GA 30357; telephone (404) 872-0096.

VBS Results

Harmony (Union): June 13-17; enrollment, 165; seven professions of faith; Robert Daniel, pastor.

East Mount Zion, Baldwin: July 11-15; enrollment, 74; six professions of faith; Gerald Cagle, pastor.

Concord (Yazoo): June 20-24; enrollment, 89; James Garner, pastor.

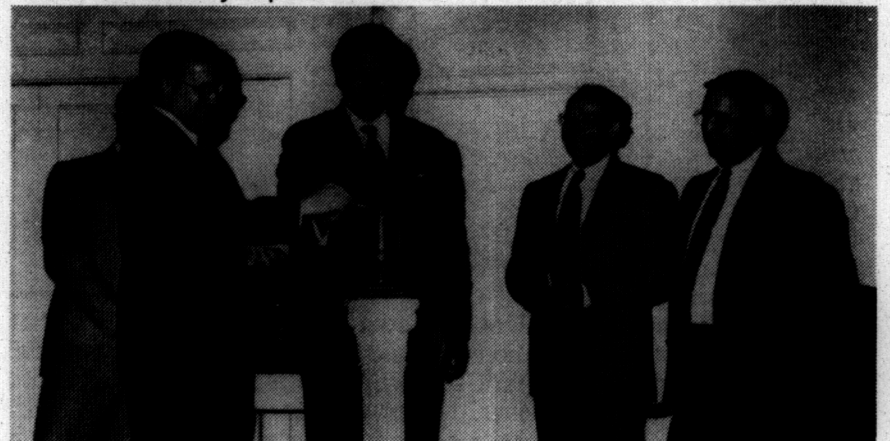
Longview, Starkville: June 13-17; enrollment, 60; two professions of faith; Donald Pouns, pastor.

Alexander Memorial, Hollandale: July 11-15; Average attendance, 42; \$70 offering collected for missionaries in Hong Kong, Clay and Debbie Porter; Michael McLendon, pastor.

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Wynndale Church, Terry, recently held its GA Recognition Service. The girls were presented awards and flowers. Tricia Swindoll is GA director and Charles Gentry is pastor.



First Church, Pontotoc, held a note burning on June 19. Taking part in the ceremony, pictured, are William Sims, pastor, Mickey Gentry, Max Akins, Bill Jackson, and Scott Rogers.

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See You At The Pole is set for Sept. 21

ATLANTA (BP) — Sept. 21 is the nationwide date for the See You at the Pole youth prayer emphasis this year.

The rally had been held on the second Wednesday after Labor Day, but it has been moved to the third Wednesday in September, said Dean Finley, youth specialist in the evangelism section of the Home Mission Board.

Begun in Texas four years

ago, See You at the Pole has become a national event.

Students gather at their school flag poles before school to pray for fellow students, teachers, and other youth concerns. The event is supported by a number of organizations and denominations.

For more information on See You at the Pole, contact Finley at (417) 862-1111.

Staff Changes

First Church, Bruce, has called **Tammy L. Ficklin** as minister of youth and children effective Aug. 15. A native of Clinton, S.C., she received her education at Winthrop University and New Orleans Seminary. Charles Nestor is pastor.

Gary Davis has resigned as pastor of **Spring Hill Church**, Copiah County, effective Aug. 1.

Donald R. Silkwood, a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College, has accepted the pastorate of **Woodland Hill Church**, Huntsville, Ala.

Macedonia Church, Calhoun Association, has called **Ira Alley** as pastor.

County Line Church, Carthage, has called **Roger Howe** as pastor effective July 31. A native of Missouri, he received his education at Central Missouri State University and Mid-America Semi-

nary. His previous place of service was Macedonia Church, Calhoun City.

Woolmarket, Biloxi, has called **Russell D. Moore** as interim minister of youth effective Sept. 1. He received his education at the University of Southern Mississippi and is attending New Orleans Seminary.

Kilmichael Church has called **Gary A. White** as pastor, effective Aug. 15. The Jackson native is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. He previously served the West Corinth congregation.

Friendship Church, Lowndes Association, has called **James Fletcher** as pastor. He goes there from Eastview Church, where he served as associate pastor. A native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Fletcher has served churches in Alabama and Mississippi for 44 years.

Revival Results

Big Creek, Waynesboro: Aug. 8-12; Thomas Cheeks, Heweton, Ala., preaching; Randy Whitlock, music; nine professions of faith; Mack Carney, pastor.

Siloam, Meadville: July 17-20; Sam Brassell, Wetumpka, Ala., preaching; Benny Johnson, Liberty, music; four professions of faith; David A. Crowe, pastor.

Oral (Lamar): July 24-27; Hardy Denham, Hattiesburg, preaching; Robert Brewer, music; one profession of faith; Tomas McCormick, pastor.

Longview, Starkville: July 31-Aug. 5; Leroy Callahan, Walnut Grove, preaching; Dudley Brasher, music; two professions of faith; Donald Pouns, pastor.

Harmony, Crystal Springs: Aug. 10-14; James Fancher, Jackson, and Gray Allison, Memphis, preaching; Jim Lott, Pearl, music; 11 professions of faith; Clark Stewart, pastor.

Sebastopol (Scott): Aug. 12-14; revival for Scott County Hispanic community; Lupe Rando, Floydada, Texas, evangelist; Janie Rando, music; four professions of faith; David Sartin, pastor.

Old Pearl Valley (Neshoba): Jim Hill and Family, evangelists; 18 professions of faith; Ricky Summers, pastor.

Utica (Hinds-Madison): Aug. 21-24; Billy Smith, Madison, evangelist; Judy Walker, music; 10 professions of faith; John Ed Snell, pastor.

Former GGBTS prof Elder dies

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)—J. Lyn Elder, former pastoral care professor at Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., died Aug. 19 at the age of 76.

Elder retired from the seminary faculty in 1983 after serving as professor of pastoral care since 1957. He joined the faculty as an associate professor of pastoral psychology three years earlier.

Born in Biloxi, he married the former Lois Green in 1941. Elder is survived by his wife and two sons, Harold Lyn and John Clark.

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Names in the News

The South Brazil Mission of Southern Baptist



Vaughn

missionaries elected Mississippi native **John Vaughn** to serve as president of the mission for the coming year. Before being appointed to Brazil, Vaughn served as pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Simpson Association, and Arkadelphia Church, Lauderdale Association. His address is C.P. 625; Caxias do Sul, RS; 95.001-970; Brazil.

Tommy Allen of Berea Church, McCool, has recently been called to the ministry. He was licensed by Berea Church on July 24, and delivered his first sermon at his home church. A heavy equipment operator for International Paper Co., he is married to the former Pearl Moak, and the father of two daughters.

Four visiting professors will join the faculty of Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., this fall. They will serve on a contract basis after appointment by seminary President Milton Ferguson and approval of the trustees. Among them is **Ronald F. Prevost**, who will serve Midwestern from 1994-96 as visiting professor of religious education. Since 1991, he has been pastor of University Baptist Church, Fairbanks, Alaska. Prevost also has served church staff positions in Mississippi.

Excal Burleson was presented a plaque and love gift by **Hinkle Church, Rienzi**, on his retirement, June 26. During his eight years at Hinkle Church a new sanctuary, fellowship room, class rooms, and pastor's study were built and dedicated on July 24. The churches he pastored for 31 years included Calvary, Nettleton; Temple Grove, Nettleton; Holly, Corinth; East Booneville, Booneville; Concord, Prentiss; and Paul's Chapel, Tippah County.

ANDERSON, S.C. (BP) — **Mark L. Hopkins** has announced he will take early retirement Nov. 19 from the position of president of Anderson College, a Baptist-affiliated college in Anderson, S.C. He has been president since 1982. Hopkins will be 55 on Nov. 19. He was joined in his announcement by trustee chairman Stuart A. Kersey of Gaffney, S.C. Kersey



First Church, Tutwiler, honored **James W. Martindale** on July 17 with a covered dish dinner and presented him a plaque of appreciation for 23 years of service as director of the Family Life Center. Pictured, from left, are J.B. Hays Jr., pastor; Martindale and his wife Florence. Martindale will continue to serve in this capacity.

praised Hopkins for his 12-year record of service, especially in the transition to senior college status.

Jim Thrash, formerly pastor in Columbus and Gulfport, has retired from the military and is now pastor of the Friendship Church in Hanau, Germany. His address is Hanauer Strasse 32, 6456 Langenselbold, Germany.

CARROLLTON, Ga. (BP) — **H.M. Fulbright**, 71, president emeritus of Truett-McConnell College, died Aug. 25 at St. Joseph Hospital in Atlanta following complications after heart surgery. A native of Stephens County, Ga., he led the Baptist-affiliated college in Cleveland, Ga., from 1986 until his 1992 retirement. According to TMC President T. Clark Bryan, who succeeded Fulbright, "It was under H.M. Fulbright's leadership that the college experienced increased student enrollment, following a period of decline." Fulbright is survived by his wife Norma Cowart Fulbright of Carrollton, Ga.; children Norlydia Fulbright-Smith and Max Fulbright; and four grandchildren.

Homecomings

Shady Grove, Hazlehurst: Sept. 11; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11; dinner in fellowship hall; 1:30 p.m. program; Danny Watkins, guest speaker; Johnny Johns, music; Robert N. Netterville, pastor.

Friendship East, Charleston: Sept. 11; worship, 11 a.m.; lunch, noon; afternoon singing; J.G. Thomas, pastor.

Revival Dates

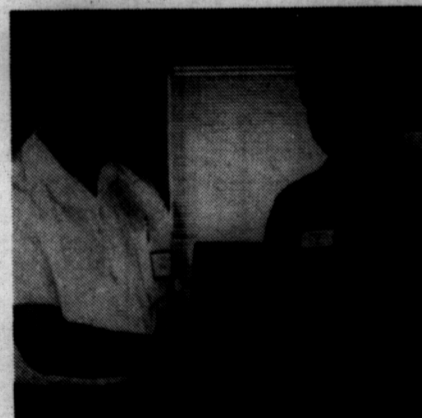
D'Lo (Simpson): Sept. 11-14; Sunday, 11 a.m. and dinner; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Roger Lee, Braxton, evangelist; Bob Harris, music; Robert Sones, pastor.

First, Shannon: Sept. 11-14; Sunday, high attendance day; worship, 11 a.m. with dinner following and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Al Gaspard, Houston, evangelist; Wayne Baggett, Decatur, music; Mark Cayson, pastor.

Corinth (Lamar): Sept. 11-14; 7 nightly; Lester Gardner, Laurel, evangelist; Johnny Breazeale, pastor.

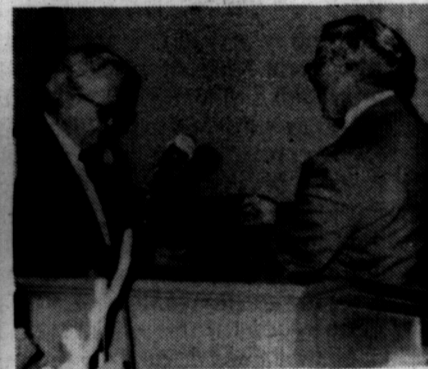
Carnation, Okolona: Sept. 11; worship, 10:30 a.m.; Roy Lee Hamilton, Columbus, guest speaker; noon luncheon; afternoon singing, 1:30; Clinton Worthey, pastor.

Bartahatchie, Caledonia:



Frank Barnes (left) of the Gulf Coast Association received the Associational Discipleship Training Gold Award for 1994 from Wes Pegues of the Discipleship and Family Ministry Department, MBCB. This award is presented annually to associations which qualify by achieving outstanding work based on a standard list of items to be conducted during the prior 12 months.

Sept. 18; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; lunch in fellowship hall; singing, 1 p.m.; The Messengers, Smithville, music; Glen Hughes, pastor.



Howard L. Fewell was honored on July 17 with a reception by **First Church, Sumrall**, upon reaching his 50th year in the ministry. He served First Church, Sanford, as well as South Union, Seminary; Willow Grove, Seminary; Lowery's Creek, Ellisville; Harmony, Laurel; Baxterville; Shady Grove, Lucedale; Cranfield, Natchez; First, Beaumont; Richburg, Lamar Association; Riverside Pascagoula; Highland, Vicksburg; Calvary, Hattiesburg; Hickory Grove, Sumrall; and Greenville, Purvis. Doug Benedict, Lamar Association director of missions, presented him a plaque.

Uniform Preparing for victory



By Richard Bradley
Joshua 1-2

Anyone who has ever attempted anything of significance in life knows success is not automatic. Many life experiences bear vivid testimony to times when, even though we gave our best effort, we failed because we had not prepared to succeed. Like athletes who endure physical training and the daily routine of practice until the fundamentals of their sport become almost automatic, Christians must prepare adequately in order to live victoriously. A study of Joshua's preparation for entering the promised land will lead us to do just that.

The sending of the spies (2:1). Like any good field general, Joshua wanted to know what he was facing. Remember this was not the first time the people of God had sent spies into the promised land. Some 40 years before, Moses had also selected spies from the 12 tribes of Israel to spy out the land of Canaan. The failure of the people to heed Joshua and Caleb's advice resulted in 40 years of wilderness wanderings and the death of all those in the camp of Israel 20 years of age and older. God's people could not afford another failure like that!

The Bible is full of warnings for God's people to prepare themselves to engage the enemy. Passages such as Ephesians 6:11 teach us that a lack of preparation, or even casual preparation, leads to failure in the Christian life. Joshua knew the value of adequate preparation.

Rahab's faith (2:8-14). The Bible records that when the two Hebrew spies entered Jericho, they somehow made their way to the home of a harlot named Rahab. We can only assume this was through the providential leading of God. At Rahab's house the spies were hidden, protected, and well cared for. It was in conversation with Rahab that the spies learned the reason for her care of them. Joshua 1:9 quotes Rahab as saying, "I know that the Lord has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you" (NIV). This is not only a great statement of faith, it is also a wonderful statement of practical experience! God had put the fear of the Lord into her heart as well as into the hearts of all of her people. Not fighting or disputing this very obvious revelation from God, Rahab had willfully recognized the sovereignty of God and this understanding led her to treat his representatives with care and respect.

It is interesting to note that in her subsequent negotiations with the spies, Rahab nowhere mentions herself. Rather, based on her faithfulness in caring for the spies she pleads for the safety of her family and all those who belong to them (vv. 12-13). Since Rahab mentions her mother and father, the case could be made that she would be included in the phrase "and all who belong to them." However, her compassion and concern for her family is still touching.

With the fear of God at work on her heart, Rahab's greatest concern was not for herself, but for her family. However, her concern was apparently for their physical safety. Most of us understand our responsibilities in providing for the physical safety of our respective families, but do we really understand our responsibilities in providing for the spiritual safety of our family members?

The report of the spies (2:22-24). Upon returning to Joshua, the spies made their report. Much like the report of Joshua and Caleb 40 years earlier, their report was one of faith which was based on their observations and experiences. "They said to Joshua, The LORD has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us" (NIV). Trusting in God, they were ready to go forward in faith and the people followed.

This time would be different. The people of God would go in and take possession of the promised land because they had made adequate preparations to succeed and then followed up on their preparations with an act of faith. After all, they had sent spies into the promised land before, but their preparations had never been mixed with faith. This time, after making adequate preparations, they went forward in faith, trusting God! What's the difference between making adequate preparations and not making adequate preparations for victory? Results!

Bradley is pastor, Handsboro Church, Gulfport.

Bible Book Wisdom in relationships



By Raymond Kolb
Proverbs 25:1 — 31:31

Relationships with various kinds of people (25:21-22, 28; 26:21; 28:27). A high ethical standard is recommended for treatment of enemies. It is easy to be kind to friends, but "If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink." Get rid of your enemies by making friends of them. Reward should not be your only motive for helping enemies, though it is also promised here (25:21-22).

"Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control" (25:28). Let us remember that this was written at a time when a city's wall was its main defense against an attack. Without the wall a city was in danger; nor could it assist others who might need help. A man without self-control is a danger to himself and to others. Don't count on him for anything.

"As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife" (26:21). There is enough trouble in the world without quarrelsome people who enjoy causing more. It is better to be a fireman who puts out fires than to be an arsonist who enjoys spreading them. Gossip is condemned in this same context and lying and flattery are condemned in verse 28. God's people should control our tongues.

"He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them will receive many curses" (28:27).

Factors that hinder good relationships (27:1-2; 28:6,22; 29:22-23). "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth. Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips" (27:1-2, cf. Matt. 6:24 and James 4:13-16). To boast about what we are going to do is, at best, very risky. None of us knows with certainty what may happen tomorrow. Our boasting can bring embarrassment if we are unable to do what we declared we would do. If someone else sees that your work is worthy of praise, leave that to him after he has seen the results of your work, but do not praise yourself.

"Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a rich man whose ways are perverse" (28:6). "A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him" (28:22). The stingy man and the wealthy man who ignore the needs of the poor may soon find themselves among the poor and needy. Then they may find that they have no friends who are interested in providing for their needs. What one owns is of very little importance as compared with what he is, and as compared to his attitudes toward things and other people.

Teachings on the home (30:17; 31:10, 25-30). Chapter 30 of this book is attributed to Agur and Chapter 31 is attributed to King Lemuel. Parts of each of these are concerned with relationships within the home. Verses 11 and 17 of Chapter 30 refer to a sneering, scornful, disrespectful attitude toward one's parents. It is seen in such expressions as "My old man is too old-fashioned or dumb to know what is going on anymore." Similar attitudes may be shown toward mothers. The latter part of verse 17 seems to imply that such mockery of parents may lead to a life of disaster for the one who shows such attitudes. On the other hand, there is tremendous joy for parents who see their children living disciplined lives of service to God and to humanity.

Most of us have heard Mother's Day sermons and funeral services based on Proverbs 31:10-31. I will not try to preach another here. However, I do think it in order to mention some of those admirable qualities the author presents as belonging to "a wife of noble character." She has great worth (v. 10). She is faithful and enjoys the confidence of her husband (v. 11); is industrious and works hard to provide food and clothing for her family (vv. 14-19); she is wise and teaches her family well (v. 26). Her husband is respected because of her (v. 23) and he and her children love her and praise her (v. 28). Though she may be losing some of her youthful beauty, she is still loved, respected, and worthy of praise (vv. 30-31). If someone reading this has a wife or mother who has all of these qualities, or even some of them, would this not be a good time to tell her and thank her? Why wait until Mother's Day? Or, her funeral?

Kolb is a retired missionary living in Clinton.

Life and Work God is holy



By Ruth Allen
Psalm 99, Exodus 19, 1 Peter 1

During the Civil War, someone is reported to have asked Abraham Lincoln, "Mr. President, do you think God is on our side?" He replied something like this: "My concern is whether or not we are on God's side."

One is on the side of God when he seeks to live a holy and righteous life. Holiness is an attribute of God to be desired and sought at any cost. One of our grand old hymns is entitled, "Take Time to be Holy." This hymn is based on Hebrews 12:14 which reads, "Without holiness no one will see the Lord." Perhaps it would be well if the words of the hymn were committed to memory.

God's holiness is embodied in his person. Our God is a holy God because of his personality. Holiness is just one of his many attributes. "Holy" means to be "set apart, pure, wholly otherness." God is divine and is above his creation in every way. He is totally different in nature from his people. One can become holy as God is holy, but one can never receive a spark of divinity. God alone is worthy to be praised and worshiped, and in return bestows his holiness.

God's holiness is revealed in worship. God made this very clear when he set the limitations on his presence at Mt. Sinai. Moses had been commanded to remove his shoes, for he stood on holy ground. The people were to revere him from a distance. God gave the children of Israel the tabernacle in the wilderness. The "Holy of Holies" and the "Mercy Seat" represented the dwelling of God with his people. This same symbolism was incorporated in the Temple. Isaiah's vision in the Temple revealed the seraphim crying, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts." Isaiah saw himself as an unclean sinner when he stood before the holiness of God. God has promised his holy presence in worship. Wherever one worships, whether it be public or private, God is there revealing his holiness which exposes sin. One worships when one favorably responds to God's holiness.

God's holiness is reflected in a distinctive people. A speaker at a convention quoted a mother, concerning her young son, as saying, "I realize I can't go with him everywhere, so I am building him up from within." This is exactly what God does for the Christian; he builds him up from within to live a life of holiness. However, unlike the mother, God can and does go with his children everywhere. The Hebrew word *nazar* means "to consecrate or separate." The Nazirite took a vow to live a holy and godly life, separated from the world. The best-known Nazirites are Samuel, Samson, and John the Baptist. These men were people willing to deny self and follow the Lord in holiness.

"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do, for it is written, 'Be holy as I am holy'" (1 Peter 1:15-16). Holiness in the lives of God's people is the basic ingredient which makes them distinctive. One's greatest legacy could very well be to be known as a godly, holy person. God uses holy people to do his work, such as William Carey. A good friend admonished him for neglecting his business to preach the Word of God. "Neglecting my business?" said Carey, looking at him steadily. "My business is to extend the kingdom of God. I only cobble shoes to pay expenses."

David Livingstone said, "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything I have will advance the interests of that kingdom, it shall be given away or kept, only as by giving away or keeping it I may promote the glory of him to whom I owe all my hopes in time and eternity."

As the hymn writer so aptly said, "As you take time to be holy, you soon shall be fitted for service above."

One should spend time talking to God and listening intently to what he wants him to do. One should allow God to set him apart for service; this is prompted by a godly desire to serve him with devotion.

Allen lives in Jackson.

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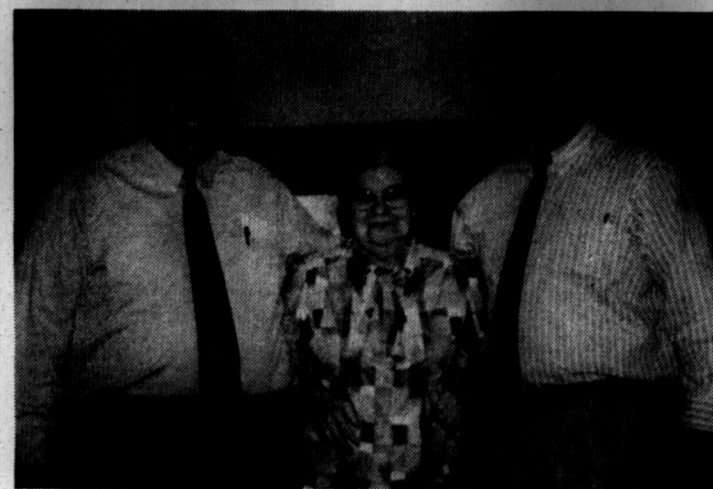
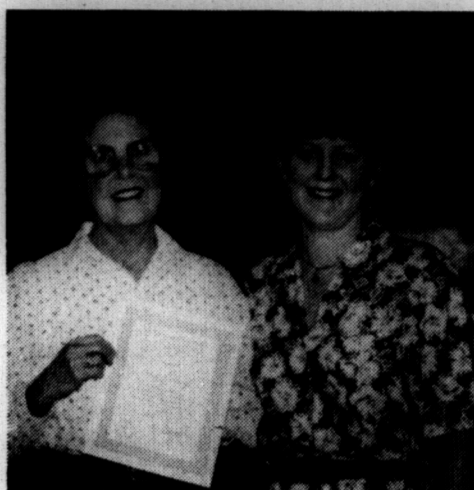
Pictured (upper right, center) is Mrs. Elke Cox, Social Worker for Crisis Care on our India Nunnery Campus. Mrs. Cox has been awarded her 1-year service pin. Mrs. Louise Haralson (lower right, center) has recently received her 10-year service pin. Mrs. Haralson is a Child Care Worker in our Chemical Dependency Unit on our India Nunnery Campus. Mrs. Clara Stephens is pictured (above, left) accepting her Level II Child Care Worker Certificate. Mrs. Stephens works with older boys on our India Nunnery Campus.

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MITCHELL, GEPHARDT BILLS TO ADD ABORTION CLINICS: WASHINGTON (BP) — New abortion clinics will be established in potentially hundreds of communities throughout the country if the health care bills sponsored by the Congressional Democratic leadership are passed as written, pro-life organizations say. The expansion of such services will produce an increase in the number of abortions, abortion opponents and some proponents say. If either of the bills sponsored by the majority leaders, Sen. George Mitchell, D-Maine, and Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., is approved without an abortion-exclusion amendment and signed by President Clinton, health care services — including abortion — will be required to be available to all persons covered throughout a service region, the National Right to Life Committee says. The bills also provide funds to establish health care facilities in areas where they are not available, according to an analysis by the country's largest pro-life organization.

K.C. CHURCH SEVERES TIES AFTER CONFLICT: KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — A terse three-sentence statement by Broadway Church of Kansas City apparently brought to an end one of the most public conflicts between a Missouri Baptist church and its local Baptist association. On Aug. 8, Broadway distributed a press release that stated, "After prayerful consideration and by vote of the church on Aug. 7, Broadway Church has chosen to no longer be a member of the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association." Paul Smith, one of seven co-pastors of the church, explained the Broadway congregation spent six months studying homosexuality. He described the study as "a challenging and difficult process that involved strong feelings." He said the church lost about 20% of its participants during that time and he acknowledged differences between the church's co-pastors about homosexuality.

MISSIONARY SURGEON IN INDIA GETS LICENSE EXTENSION: BANGALORE, India (BP) — Southern Baptists' only resident missionary in India, surgeon Rebekah Naylor, has received a two-year renewal of her license to practice medicine at the Baptist Hospital in Bangalore. "Rebekah has just heard from the (government) Ministry of Health — her license has been renewed for two years up to Oct. 23, 1996," reported Naylor's administrative assistant, Florence Charles, in an Aug. 12 message to the Foreign Mission Board. "Praise the Lord! All our prayers have been answered."

BREAD FOR THE WORLD MARKS 20TH ANNIVERSARY: WASHINGTON (ABP) — Bread for the World, a Christian citizens' anti-hunger lobby group, recently noted its 20th anniversary during a Capitol Hill reception. The organization began mobilizing Christians concerned about hunger in 1974 and now has 44,000 members. Bread President David Beckmann said, "Bread for the World's 20-year witness against hunger has helped leverage billions of dollars for proven programs for hungry people. Our effective, faith-based advocacy for ending hunger is rooted in the Christian gospel." Arthur Simon, founder and president emeritus of Bread, added, "If Bread for the World's past 20 years are any indication, we've witnessed just the prologue. This persistent, moral voice will continue to inform and sustain religious, political and social efforts in ending hunger."

FELLOWSHIP RECEIPTS STILL GROWING: ATLANTA (ABP) — The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship took in slightly more than \$6 million in the first half of 1994, 8% more than in the same period last year. That rate of growth compares with a 72% increase reported after six months last year. The figures may indicate a leveling off in the rapid growth experienced by the Fellowship in its first three years. Most churches Gary Skeen, CBF's coordinator of financial and administrative services, has heard from since the SBC vote have indicated they plan to switch their Fellowship gifts from a plan that includes support for the SBC to the "Vision 2000" plan, which supports only Fellowship-endorsed ventures. Most churches which have supported the other plans have not yet contacted him, he added. Last year the Fellowship sent \$2.7 million to the SBC out of the \$11.2 million it received.

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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Romans Eight: Thirty-Four.

La. teacher getting reputation for "random acts of kindness"

By Angel Allen

KEITHVILLE, La. (BP) — "What have you done to my kid?"

After coming home to a hot meal, clean house, or well-behaved child, many shocked parents wanted to know what the sixth-grade science teacher at Keithville Elementary/Middle School had up her sleeve last spring.

Simply, Karen Rothell had become fed up with the "random acts of rudeness" she noticed among the students.

And she was doing something about it.

"Our kids today are not taught to respect others," Rothell says. "They honestly don't know how to be courteous to each other."

Rothell had grown tired of the rudeness — tired of classmates being mean to each other, tired of them ridiculing other children for the clothes they wore, tired of their disrespect for authority.

So she assigned her 183 science students to commit "random acts of kindness."

The Baptist lay woman got the idea from a month-long campaign being sponsored by the Rotary Club of nearby Shreveport. At first, she scoffed at the city-wide effort, but eventually

she changed her mind.

Or rather God changed her mind, she says. As the rudeness continued among students, Rothell says she felt God saying to her she could make a difference. As a teacher, she knew she was in a position to influence children positively.

Meanwhile, Rothell was launching a campaign of her own. Each day for about a month, she wrote a "kind word of the day" or "kind act of the day" on the board. She started off with simple words such as "please" and "thank you." Carrying each other's books or opening doors were presented as kind acts. The students used the word or performed the act for the next 24 hours. The next morning, they wrote journal entries describing what they did and the responses they received.

Rothell says she could not wait to get home each day to read the journal entries. Sometimes the students would write that their parents asked them, "Why are you being so nice?" Other times, parents themselves would write in their child's journal, "What have you done to my kid?"

The effort has impacted

Rothell as well. "When I went into teaching, I said I wanted to make a difference." When the kids explained to her how good they felt inside as a result of her campaign, Rothell says she knew she had made a difference. And she says she knew the students would want to continue committing kindness on their own.

They do. In fact, the students want to continue committing kindness so much they asked Rothell to move up a grade to continue the program with them. This fall, Rothell says she plans to assign random acts of kindness throughout the entire school year with the seventh-grade science students. Several other teachers at the Keithville school also plan to implement the program.

Rothell says churches can stress random acts of kindness as well. At many churches, people do not have concern for each other, she suggests. They do not drop by to visit prospective members. They do not say kind words to fellow members, she says. "Many churches do not reach out to the community, and that's sad," she says.

Allen is an intern, Louisiana BAPTIST MESSAGE.

Family activity can have missions focus, says Mississippi consultant

By Susan Doyle

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — When today's preschoolers grow up and have homes of their own, their homes will be a reflection of the homes they grew up in, said a preschool expert.

"It's scary to realize how much children notice what we do," said Kay Cassibry, Mission Friends/GA consultant for Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. "But we are modeling behavior before them whether we know it or not."

Cassibry recently spoke to a group of Mission Friends leaders and gave them tips on how to make the home a missions base. Mission Friends is the missions organization sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union for preschool boys and girls.

"Little things may seem insignificant but they shape our children," she said.

Every day, memories are made and stored in the minds of preschoolers. Those memories can be based on things which will lead them to live Christ-centered lives, she said.

"Memories are such powerful things. We all have them. They may be good. They may be bad. They link us to our past and they influence our future."

Missions is probably not going to be the No. 1 priority of most families, Cassibry acknowledged.

However, some of the activities which family members enjoy together can easily include a missions focus and can help build memories which will influence young children in a positive manner.

Cassibry used the following as examples of the types of things families can do to combine a missions interest with fun learning activities.

— Using a plastic globe, play catch while talking about the different countries where Southern Baptist missionaries work.

— Hide a small object under a hat while the children have their eyes closed. Give several clues about what is hidden under the hat for the children to guess what it is. Use objects that all relate to an area where Southern Baptists have missionaries. Talk about each object and how missionaries use them.

— Use pictures or maps of the world to help children locate where Southern Baptists have missionaries.

— Make Christmas ornaments with missionaries' names and places of service on them.

— Have a garage sale at home and give the proceeds to a special missions offering.

— Use vacations to visit mission spots, especially those in your own community. Introduce

children to various types of ministries.

— Invite international neighbors to participate in activities such as family recreation, picnics, and cookouts.

"We're in such competition with the secular world for fun things," Cassibry said. "Those fun things should have a purpose."

Doyle writes for WMU.

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